

# Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award

## **2007 Local Elected Official Award presented to Mayor Dave Sakrison**

*Presented by 2007 First Lady of Utah,  
Mary Kay Huntsman*

Dave Sakrison has served in city politics for nearly 20 years as Moab's Mayor, on the city council, and as a planning commission member.

The hallmark of Mayor Sakrison's leadership has been his concern for the citizens of the town. As one of the most accessible mayors in Moab's history, he is known in communities through Utah as "Mayor Dave". The round table conversations at Dave's Corner Market are always open to everyone in town.

Mayor Sakrison recognizes the importance of arts and culture in creating a healthy, robust community. He believes every person needs art to lead a well-rounded life, and is committed to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to be involved in the arts.

From establishing opportunities for creative expression for individuals, to promoting tools for economic development, Mayor Sakrison's answer to anything related to the arts is a resounding, "Yes!" He supports his staff in all their work toward growing the arts, including the purchase and installation of public art and the development of events, programs, and exhibitions through the Moab Arts and Recreation Center. His support has allowed for the development and growth of the Moab Arts Council and events such as the Moab Music Festival, Moab Arts Festival, Moab Folk Music Festival, Art Walk, Western Stars Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Moab Abstract Show, and Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair.

